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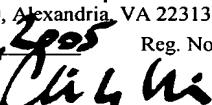
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       TOOL  
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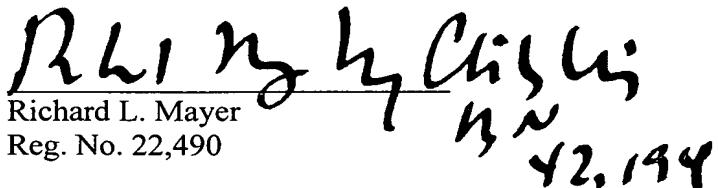
Applicants enclose herewith an Amendment in response to Office Action mailed on February 8, 2005.

No fee is believed due for this submission. If a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, Deposit Account **11-0600**.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of February 8, 2005, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.